

REMARKS

Reconsideration of and timely allowance of the pending claims, in view of the following remarks, are respectfully requested.

This paper is responsive to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment mailed October 30, 2007. The Examiner has indicated that a complete listing of claims was not present in the response to the non-final Office Action (Restriction Requirement), filed on August 7, 2007. The applicants would like to thank the Examiner for providing a one month time period for correction of the noted deficiency. The full list of claims in the application is attached to this paper (please refer to the "In the Claims:" section).

The current disposition of claims in the application, according to the applicants' belief, is as follows: Claims 1, 2, and 5-14 are pending active examination as being directed to Group I (e.g. chuck assembly), as defined by the Restriction Requirement mailed by the Examiner on July 16, 2007, and elected by the applicants in the response filed on August 7, 2007. Claims 15-17, 19-30, and 32-36 were withdrawn from consideration as being drawn to non-elected inventions, without traverse. Claims 3, 4, 18, and 31 have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer during prosecution preceding the mailing of the Restriction Requirement on July 16, 2007. The applicants respectfully submit that no claim amendments were made by the response to Restriction Requirement filed on August 7, 2007 and this paper, and no new claims and no new matter were introduced by either.

The applicants are of the belief that no fee(s) are due with the filing of this paper. However, please charge our Deposit Account No. 50-3451 for any additional fee(s) that may be due in this matter, including any extension of time fee(s) under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), if deemed necessary, and please credit the same deposit account for any overpayment.

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Should the Examiner have any questions or deem that any further action is necessary to rectify the noted deficiency or place this application in better form for allowance, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned representative at the below listed telephone number.

Respectfully submitted,

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